GREAT FLEET AT HAMPTON ROADS

Thousands Gather at Old Point to Witness Coming of Big Ships.

SPENT SABBATH COALING

Several Vessels Leave To-Day for Target Range-Sailor's Kept Busily at Work.

OLD POINT COMFORT, VA., August S.—The Atlantic battleship fleet, anchored in two long lines in Hampton Roads, off Old Point, was to-day a scene of animation, the preparations for departure for the hard work on the drill grounds south of the Virginia capes being evident on board every one of the fitteen big fighting machines. Contrary to custom, except perhaps in wartime, the Sabbath was violated by several of the ships, which were busy all day coaling. These vessels, the Wisconsin, Kansas, Georgia and Mississippi, had been ordered to sail for the target range to-morrow afternoon, and it was necessary for them to for the target range to-morrow are moon, and it was necessary for them coal to-day. The remainder of t fleet will follow them to the di grounds as soon as they get their coa

The record gun practice, for which the gun crews now are preparing, will not begin until some time next week. The Rhode Island will be the first ship to have a try at the targets.

Comparatively few of the sailors of he fleet have enjoyed shore liberty ince the ships steamed into Hampon Roads on Saturday afternoon, very man being needed on board for ome of the multitude of tasks that nust be performed before going to, ea again.

hattleshins will not return to ained by wireless and by means of he tender Yankton, which will ply egularly between the flagship Con-ecticut and Old Point. The tug Mo-awk, which also has been assigned to fleet, will perform a similar ser-

Serious Work Next Week.

That portion of the fleet which will go to sea to-morrow will be accompanied by the squadron of auxiliaries which preceded them to the Roads to

load supplies.

For the remainder of the week, the will manoeuvre daily, but nex the serious work of the cruise

The battleships now anchored in Hampton Roads are the Connecticut, Vermont, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Mississippi, Idaho, Georgia, Nebraska, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Ohlo, The Kentucky is due to arrive tomorrow from the League Island Navy-Yard.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

He Was Istoxicated.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., August 8.—Angelo S. Hamilton was given a preliminary hearing in the Police Court

liminary hearing in the Police Court yesterday morning on the charge of murdering Mrs. Sallie Hicks, whose death occurred at the City Hospital from pistol-shot wounds received on the night of June it.

While no evidence was heard from witnesses who saw the shooting, the line of testimony was directly against the accused. Mayor Smith, after hearing four or five witnesses, stopped durther testimony, and Duhcan Drysdale, who is representing the defense, did not offer any testimony for his side. It was quite evident, however, from one or two questions asked by Mr. Drysdale that the line of defense will be that the prisoner was under what is expected of him in a communication to prevent murder what is expected of him in a communication to prevent murder what is expected of him in a communication to prevent murder what is expected of him in a communication to prevent murder what is expected of him in a communication to prevent murder what is expected of him in a communication to prevent the prevent murder what is expected of him in a communication to prevent the prevent of the association part of the prevent that there is to be a material curtain the next month. While no rigid limitation is placed upon the various members of the association just with the prisoner was under what is expected of him in a communication to prevent the private of the results accomplished. The statement of the results accomplished. The statement is measure as a sto Future.

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The ante-mortem statement of the woman, which was given by her in the presence of four witnesses the day after the shooting, promises to be a strong bit of evidence against Hamliton, for in it the woman makes the direct charge that she was shot by Hamliton, and goes at some length into a detailed explanation of incidents immediately surrounding the tragedy.

No effort was made when the case was sent on to procure bail for Hamilton.

Thrown Down Embankment. [Special to The Times-Dispatch]

WOODSTOCK, VA. August 8.—Isalah Raw, with his wife and child, who lives several miles west of Fisher's Hill, was seriously injured and narrowly escaped death while driving to the Confederate Reunion yesterday. While conditions have been constantly coming in recently of other state will close. This condition, said that in common with many other spinners he would employ the present dull and unprofitable season in cleaning his plants and getting ready for the revival of business, which is expected of him in a communication to be prepared later.

While conditions have been very unfavorable during the past year, the spinners are optimistic as to the out-spinners are optimistic as t

ing train and the occupants of the pected to follow the marketing of the buggy were thrown down a fifty-foot ambankment. They escaped uninjured.

Negro Accidentally Kills Wife.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SOUTH HILL, VA., August 8.—Sam
Walker, a highly respected negro, accidentally shot and killed his wife this
morning. They had been married only
two months. The woman was sitting
in the door. Walter went to the
mantel and took a revolver in his
hands and began "fooling" with it.
Suddenly there was a report, and his
wife fell dead with a bullet hole
through her heart.

MACHINE TURNS TURTLE,
INJURING THE DRIVER

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WOODSTOCK, VA., August 8.—The
rear wheel of the ninety-horse touring
ar of William W. Lanahan, of Baltimore, collapsed one mile south of
the driver, Mr. Smith, of Baltimore,
was seriously injured and the car was
wrecked.



STANDING AT WHEEL, AGED CAPTAIN SANK WITH SHIP

Helped Negro Crew to Escape, But Refused to Leave His Vessel, Which Had Been Shattered

week the serious work.

Will begin.

The torpedo flottilla, in command of Commander Freeman, is expected to rejoin the fleet in about two weeks, and will remain with the flagship for the remainder of the summer cruise.

Old Point Swarming.

Old Point swarming.

Old Point to-day was swarmed with families and friends of the officers and men of the fleet, augmented by thousands of excursionists. The weather conditions were ideal, and the war vessels, riding serenely at anchor in the roadstead, presented a beautiful sight.

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she looks forward to the hour, with apprehension. Mother's Friend, by its penetrating and soothing properties, allays nausea, nervousness, unpleasant feelings, and so prepares the system for the ordeal that

she passes through the event with but little suffering, as numbers have testified and said, "it is worth its weight in gold." \$1.00 per bottle of druggists. Book containing valuable in-

TO HAVE NEW HOME

special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ALEXANDRIA, VA., August 8.—Five architects will submit designs for the new home for Alexandria Lodge, No. 755, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, which will be erected in the near future. It is expected that the plans will be presented to the building committee the latter part of this month. Following the award specifications will be drawn, and the contract will be given out during the early part of September, in order that the work may be commenced as soon thereafter as possible. It is the desire of the committee in charge of the building to have it ready for occupancy during the early part for the forme.

A fine game of baseball was played

It ready for occupancy during the early spring.

The new home will be three stories high and will cost about \$25,000. The present building is entirely inadequate to meet the demands of the rapidly increasing membership of the order, which now has more than 300 names on its roster.

To Biscuss Question.

Plans have been completed by the Young Men's Senate of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for a joint debate on the question of retrocession, to be held on Tuesday evening. The debaters will discuss the feasibility of dance was given at Pace's in honer of visiting girls. Among those dance was given at Pace's in the feasibility of debaters will discuss the feasibility of denote the stories of the general part of the mean of baseball was played here yesterday between Lancaster and Kilmarnock, resulting in a victory for the Lancaster boys by a score of 7 to 4.

The recent rains have broken the long drought, and though early corn is badly injured, the late crop will make a full yield.

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have been invited to be present, and
it is more than probable that several
of them will be chosen as judges.

There is talk of the organization of
a second military company, which will
not be allied with the State militia.
Those fostering the movement have secured the names of eighty-two residents who will be identified with the
company.

Off to Attend Bar Meeting.

Judge C. E. Nicol, Gardner L. Boothe and E. B. Taylor have gone to Hot Springs to attend the annual meeting Springs to attend the annual meeting of the State Bar Association, which will begin at that place our Tuesday.

Robinson Moncure, recently elected to represent this city and county in the House of Delegates, is a native of Stafford county and is a practicing attorney here. He will succeed James R. Caton, the defeated candidate for the position of Lieutenant-Governor. After his strenuous campaign Mr. Moncure left yesterday for a week's stay in Stafford, where he will be the guest of his father.

Local real estate dealers report that during the week just closed there has been unusual activity in the market. Property aggregating \$30,000 in value changed hands during the week.

TAKEN SICK IN STREET.

Promine "I Tobacco Man Carried to Hospital, Where He Died.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] OXFORD, N. C.. August S.—I. En Cooper, a prominent tobacco dealer of Wilson, N. C. was taken sick on the street in Wilmington yesterday afternoon, and was carried to a hospital, where he died this morning at 5 o'clock.

o'clock.

Mr. Cooper was reared in Oxford, and for many years was connected with the tobacco industry here. He was one of the pioneers of the Wilson market.

The body will be brought here and the funeral will take place from the Presbyterian Church te-morrow afterneon at a clock.

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LANCASTER SEES FIGUREHEADS VALUE OF ROADS TO BE PRESERVED

Work of State Will Serve to Stir Statues from Battleships North County to Renewed Effort. in State Museum,

SEASON FOR CAMP MEETINGS CHARLES M. BUSBEE DEAD

Thieves Search for Money, but Past Grand Sire, Sovereign Grand Get None-Rains Break Long Drought.

Ing by far the best roads in the Northern Neck of Virginia.

Greet Camp-Meeting,
The Marvin Grove camp-meeting that has been going on for the past ten days in the southern part of Richmond county, under the auspices of the Methodists, closed this evening. In spite of the rainy weather at the opening of the meeting and several storms, since, it is said that the attendance has been fully up to the record of previous years. The tabernacle is a spacious octagon, with metal roof supported by massive pillars, and capable of seating more than 2,000 people. Radiating from the tabernacle are five avenues, along which stand the two-story modern structures called tents, about 100 in number, in which the people live during the meeting. These "tents" are not the exclusive property of the Methodists, for there are among the tent-holders Episcopalians, Baptists, and Presbyterians, who patronize the meeting and spend a pleasant week in mid-summer at this beautiful and delightful spot, shaded as it is by giant primeval oaks. The mail and telephone service keeps the campground in close touch with the outside world.

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The house of William G. Reane at

The house of William G. Beane, at the eastern end of this village, was broken into Thursday night by thieves who made a diligent search for money and valuables. Mr. Beane and his family were away at the time attending the Marvin Grove camp-meeting. Though the thieves broke open desks, bureaus and wardrobes, it is not Present Business Conditions Unfavorable, but Optimism

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Carolina and Raleigh to Go

Lodge of Odd-Fellows, Passes Away.

Long Drought.

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Church, of which he was a vestryman.

Clever Escape.

Officials of the State prison say that
the escape of John L. Fox, serving
twelve years from Anson county for
the murder of Stepton Watson, in
Wadesboro, was one of the most
clever tricks perpetrated by a convict
in a great while. At supper time Tuesday he felgned sickness in order that
he might remain in his cell. During
the supper hour he made a dummy
figure that he left on his cot and
then slipped unobserved into the basement of the prison. Later in the alght
Fox crept out of the basement through
a window into the front section of
the stockade, and, with the use of
a long plank, worked his way to the
top of the stockade and then to the
ground on the outside. All this was
done without attracting the attention
of a single guard, a number of whom
were patrolling the grounds, and the
stockade as well.

Public Health Week.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the
North Carolina State Board of Health,
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Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the North Carolina State Board of Health, is to address the State Association of County Superintendents at its annual is to address the State Association of County Superintendents at its annual session in Hendersonville, August 31 to September 3, on the subject of co-operative work with the State Board of Health, and on the idea of holding a "public health week" in connection with the school terms. The program for the session of the superintendents, just completed, is of special interest, including as it does consideration of agricultural instruction in the schools for farm life in the way of school farms, corn clubs, county farm life schools, teacher training and other topics bearing on the detail of superintendent work.

Buttleship Figurcheads.

Curator H. H. Brimley, of the State Museum, announces that the museum will get the figurcheads from both the Raleigh and the battleship North Carolina, and that they will be suitably mounted. He has been corresponding with the proper authorities at the Navy Department some time, and the matter is at last settled. The figure-head from the North Carolina will be available just as soon as the vessel can be placed in dry dock. The State will be at the expense of crating and will be a the expense of crating and will be a the expense of crating and will be a the expense of crating and

can be placed in dry dock. The S will bear the expense of crating freight. The figurehead from the leigh will have to come across continent, as that vessel is on Pacific coast, and will be dry-doc

what treatment the figures will have in the matter of setting them up in the museum will have to be left open until they arrive, as their condition and shape will control their treatment in this respect. ASSISTANT POST-

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PACE'S, VA. August 8.—An enjoyable dance was given at Pace's in honor of visiting girls. Among those dancing were Misses Pearle Edmonds, Maude Baird and Bessie Edmonds, of Petersburg; Pauline Heathorne, of Blackstone, Va.; Ruth and Lizzie Barksdale, Mary Reynolds, Roma Vaughan, Bettle Coleman, Julia and Rebecca Stebbins, Annie and Pattie Oliver, Alice Burgess; Mrs. Thornton Wilson, and Miss Lula Sutherlin, Messrs. Raine and Ferrell, of Danville; Fred Coleman, of South Boston; Wister, Wallace, Sam and Manning Barksdale, Charlie Ferrell, Thornton Wilson, Joe Coleman, Will Barksdale, Will Owen, John Burgess, Roy Oliver, Aaron Vaughan, Pace's, Va.; Oliver Coleman, News Ferry.

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NEED BETTER ROADS AND WILL GET THEM

Farmers Along Route Quick to See Advantage of Improved Highways, and Will Push Work Forward With a Will.

branch of the Southern Railway, its name having been changed to Courtland. While the original survey and grading were made only from Petersburg to Jerusalem, the idea of the people was to carry the road on to Norfolk, However, when the straight plank road had been finished to within eight miles of Jerusalem, or Courtland, the building of the Norfolk and Petersburg Rallway, now the Norfolk and Western, had been commenced, and that was supposed to have obviated tha necessity for the air-line plank road, and it was abandoned, even before completion to the county seat of Southampton county. The work that was done was well done, the grading and draining being perfect, and this work is still holding good and standing here, even without proper attention, a fine country road, as a monument to its original designers and builders; that is the part of it 1 yesterday traveled over so stands, and I am told by Judge Jesse F. West and others that when I strike it again to-morrow in Surry county and follow it on through Prince George toward Petersburg, I will find it still belter.

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Held a Meeting.

At Courtland yesterday afternoon, as I have already reported, good roads people had a splendid informal meeting. When the car pulled up in the interesting and beautiful little town it was soon surrounded by a large number of the sovereigns and small boys, although we reached there just at the dinner hour.

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After dinner Rev. J. K. Walker, a young Methodist minister, who is a good roads advocate all right; W. J. Story, a bank man; T. H. Birdsong, a big peanut dealer, and Cashler Sebrell, of the People's Bank, insisted that the car should rest over in Courtland a while, that we might take advantage of the usual Saturday afternoon gathering of farmers in town to have a good roads meeting. These men scattered around the news of the arrival of the car, and by 2:30 o'clock a good crowdhad assembled in front of one of the leading stores—a crowd numbering from fifty to seventy-five—and right there on the sidewalk and in the street around the car a "meeting" was held. Rev. Mr. Walker was chairman. In calling the meeting to order he made good roads remarks, and in introducing the writer he cast handsome bouncies.

BY FRANK S. WOODSON.
WAVERLY, VA., August S.—When one sets forth in an automobile through an unknown and an untried country, it may be all well enough to mark out a route in advance and arranke a program for a week's tour, but it will be folly to attempt to hew to the line and hold hard and fast to the line and hard to the line and particular development of Virginia.

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Delighted With Idea.

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About the industrial and agricultural development I will have more to say at future dates, for I have a notebook well filled with hieroglyphics. Roads, good and bad, is the them now.

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Norfolk to Richmond,

Then again these good roads talkers down in this part of the country have gotten me very much interested in, not to say enthusiastic over, the proposed Norfolk-Richmond highway to tap the capital-to-capital great road at Richmond. And so after leaving Whaley-ville about 10:30 yesterday morning, I again varied the course of the Chalmers-Detroit so as to strike the good town of Franklin, and from there get over on the old Jerusalem-Petersburg Plank Road, that used to be, so as to do a little scouting on my own hook with a view of forming an idea of the feasibility of the route for the great highway from Richmond to Norfolk via Petersburg, Waverly, Sebrell. Courtland (old Jerusalem), Franklin and Suffolk, A few miles out from Courtland we struck the old Plank Road that used to be, and followed it through the new Virginian Railway village of Sebrell, on to Littletons, where we branched across the country over hills and dales, through Sussex county; called at the courthouse, where we branched across the country over hills and dales, through Sussex county; called at the courthouse, thereby gotting back on the original route as mapped out by the program made before leaving Richmond.

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After leaving Sussex Courthouse and plowing over ten or more miles of bad roads, which reminded us much of our first day's experience through New Kent county, we again struck a short section of the old Plank Road, and left it again within less than two miles of Waverly.

Was Well Done.

This old Jerusalem-Petersburg Plank Road, which now has no planks on it, was built away vonder before it me the people got ample return in stock for agricultural development. The plock deceived for the bonds is now worthless, and \$71,000 of them is still outstanding. The county also issued several thousands dollars, worth of time warrants to raise money to built away vonder before the River and intersecting streams. All



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